

PRESENTATION PROGRAM AND METHOD

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN THAT BRUCE W. STEVENS, employee of the United States Government, citizen of the United States of America, and resident of North Kingstown, County of Washington, State of Rhode Island, has invented certain new and useful improvements entitled as set forth above of which the following is a specification.

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5 STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT INTEREST

6 The invention described herein may be manufactured and used  
7 by or for the Government of the United States of America for  
8 Governmental purposes without the payment of any royalties  
9 thereon or therefore.

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO OTHER PATENT APPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(1) Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to computer  
presentation applications and, more specifically, to a computer  
program that may be utilized for a presentation which utilizes  
multiple computers and multiple associated displays.

(2) Description of the Prior Art

A weapons control system environment forms a computer  
complex that may utilize numerous different workstations with  
each workstation having one or more computer screens. In the

1 prior art, an actual use or complex simulation is necessary to  
2 demonstrate operation of the weapons control system. Prior art  
3 software applications do not provide for a coordinated  
4 presentation wherein multiple computers display different images  
5 and/or sounds. Special hardwire modifications have been  
6 utilized in the past as discussed subsequently in the listed  
7 prior art patents for producing multiple displays, but hardwire  
8 modifications are often undesirable.

9 Prior art computer programs presently exist that may be  
10 utilized to produce a series of images on a computer screen to  
11 thereby provide a slideshow presentation. However, the prior  
12 art programs may not be utilized to control a presentation that  
13 utilizes simultaneously running multiple computers in a computer  
14 complex with each computer displaying different graphics and  
15 wherein each of the plurality of computers within the computer  
16 complex may have one or more screens, which may also show  
17 different images at different times.

18 Prior art computer programs for slideshow presentations may  
19 encounter other problems such as the computers in a computer  
20 system may be quite dissimilar and have different operating  
21 systems whereby a prior art computer presentation program will  
22 not even run on all the different computers. The prior art also  
23 does not provide software means for controlling timing of the